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Eagles Landing Marina seeks Corps of Engineers permit to construct new 12-slip marina facility in Bridgeport

CONCORD, Mass. – Eagles Landing Marina is seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with constructing a new 12-slip commercial marina facility in Bridgeport, Conn.

The proposed project includes work in navigable waters for the construction of a commercial marina which will offer water access for both recreational and commercial use, and will provide pump-out services to boaters, boat storage, repair, and hauling and launching.

The facility will have the following dimensions: a 6-foot-wide by 15-foot-long pile-supported timber pier, attached to a 5-foot-wide by 28-foot-long ramp, leading to an 8-foot-wide by 272-foot-long floating dock paralleling the shoreline. There will be 7 finger piers configured perpendicular to this floating dock. Pilings will be driven by a barge-mounted crane. The applicant anticipates the installation will take approximately two weeks.

The project will impact approximately 0.28 acres of Essential Fish Habitat for various species and life stages. This habitat consists of silt and cobble. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect these species. However, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the site specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final permit decision.

The application for the federal permit was filed with the Corps of Engineers in compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which provides for federal regulation of any work in, or affecting navigable waters of the United States. The public notice can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select Regulatory/Permitting and then weekly public notices.

Public comments on the Corps permit review (File # NAE-2009-2531) should be forwarded no later than April 23, 2010 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: Barbara Newman), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager Barbara Newman at 978-318-8515 or toll free 800-343-4789 or 800-362-4367 (if calling from within Massachusetts) or by email to: barbara.h.newman@usace.army.mil.

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